

### REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above referenced application is respectfully requested.

The above amendments to the claims are not submitted for reasons related to patentability and such claims do not change the scope of the claimed invention but are submitted solely for the purpose of focusing on a preferred embodiment of the invention.

### CONCLUSION


In light of the above, Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for allowance and therefore requests favorable consideration.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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